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Vote for ratification.

The Fort Gibson Post is boom-  
ing W. W. Hastings for chief.

The wave of prosperity will fol-  
low the ratification of the treaty.

Secretary Hitchcock has ap-  
proved the oil leases near Chelsea.

Times are going to be lively in  
the Indian territory for the next  
few months. It is a mighty good  
time to subscribe for the Chieftain.

The lull in events pending the  
distribution of political pie will  
not effect the commercial interests  
of Vinita.

The man who don't buy property  
in Vinita before the appraisement  
will spend some time kicking  
himself afterwards.

Vinita will be supremely happy  
when the point is reached that  
government officials will not have  
to be hired to stay in town.

With the present abundant crop  
prospect in sight, there is no reason  
to doubt a prosperous season  
for Vinita and the Cherokee country.

With the ratification of the pend-  
ing allotment bill, the Cherokees  
will be among the most favorably  
situated people on the North  
American continent.

Reports from all sections of the  
country indicate that the allotment  
bill is in great favor among Chero-  
kee citizens. The country dis-  
tricts are practically solid for it.

With the ratification of the treaty  
the Cherokee nation, with its abun-  
dant resources, will lead the terri-  
tory in its rapid progress toward a  
greater and better existence.

The treaty is the one topic of  
discussion on the streets these  
days and it can readily be seen that  
the great majority of the thinking  
men are favorable to ratification.

A more far-reaching disaster to  
the Cherokee people can hardly be  
imagined than the defeat of the  
treaty. The majority of the Chero-  
kees recognize this fact and will  
vote for its ratification.

The faithful in the western dis-  
trict are raising a howl over the  
selection by Mellette of a Missouri  
man for assistant prosecuting at-  
torney. "W. M." has so far sim-  
ply looked wise and passed the  
buck without chipping in.

The stewardship of the Chero-  
kee politician is about to end and  
the individual citizen will have  
direct charge of his tribal interest.  
The seventh day of August will in-  
augurate a bright epoch in the his-  
tory of the Cherokee people.

The campaign for the ratifica-  
tion of the allotment bill at the  
election to be held in August will  
be a short and spirited affair.  
That it will result in the acceptan-  
ce of the measure by the Chero-  
kees there is not much doubt.

The necessity for the appoint-  
ment of a respectable negro to a  
responsible position in Vinita does  
not exist, and such action is a slap  
in the face to every decent white  
man and woman in the place.  
Shame on the man who does it.

The Indian appropriation bill  
provides for limiting land holdings  
in the Cherokee nation at one hun-  
dred acres to the head. This is  
without title and, therefore, unsat-  
isfactory. What the Cherokee  
people want is their prorata  
amount with clear, unincumbered  
title.

While the plan for annexation  
to Oklahoma which is being agi-  
tated in the Creek nation may not  
be consummated, it shows the un-  
rest prevalent in the territory ow-  
ing to the present political condi-  
tions. Such agitation will con-  
tinue until the people are en-  
franchised.

The provisions of the treaty are  
being willfully misrepresented by  
a number of those who are person-  
ally interested in defeating it.  
While this element, fortunately, is  
small, yet it is incumbent on those  
having the good of the Cherokee  
people at heart to inaugurate an  
educational campaign.

It is thought that the Cherokees  
will ratify their treaty by a large  
majority. It would surely be an  
intelligent step if all the nations  
of the territory would recognize  
the absurdity of holding out against  
the government and prepare for  
the termination of their govern-  
ments and distribution of public  
domain.—Capital.

It would certainly be a great  
piece of folly in the Cherokee  
people to fail to ratify the allot-  
ment bill submitted to them for  
acceptance or rejection on the sev-  
enth day of next month. The bill  
contemplates the fair and equal  
division of the tribal estate, and  
would save to the Cherokees the  
remnant of their once princely  
heritage.

The appointment of the Negro,  
Muldrow, obnoxious as it is, will  
serve as a valuable object lesson.  
The day is rapidly approaching  
when the people of the territory  
will be enfranchised and can ex-  
press themselves most potently  
by the ballot. It is needless to  
say that those responsible for the  
placing of a Winchester in the  
hands of a negro, to stand guard  
over white men, will be swept out  
of political existence.

The claimants to Cherokee citi-  
zenship rejected by the Dawes  
commission are clamoring for the  
defeat of the allotment bill. If  
this measure is not ratified, the  
citizenship roll will, in all proba-  
bility, be re-opened and the nation  
put to the expense of defending  
itself against a horde of fraudulent  
claimants. The part of wisdom  
will be for every Cherokee to go to  
the polls and vote for the bill when  
the election comes on August 7.

If the sentiment of the big ma-  
jority of the citizens of Tahlequah  
is a criterion to judge by, the Cur-  
tis bill will be ratified by the Chero-  
kee people by an overwhelming  
majority. The more the measure  
is discussed the larger become the  
numbers who favor the measure,  
as the best that can be expected  
or hoped for. It is to be expected  
that there are some who will op-  
pose the measure, for there are  
people who will grumble and growl  
when being fed free on turkey.—  
Tahlequah Herald.

A ratification of the Cherokee  
treaty next month will mean much  
in the development of one of the  
greatest undeveloped countries on  
the globe. It will divide the great  
estate held in common by the Chero-  
kee people so they may act as  
individuals in all transactions  
relating to the improvement and  
development of their lands. This  
change will necessitate a form of  
local government which will soon  
follow and then conditions will not  
be excelled by any section.—Wig-  
wam.

From all hands comes assurance  
that the treaty will be adopted by  
the Cherokee people. It is good  
to find it thus. Most every-  
one is tired of present conditions  
and the treaty measure will go far  
towards putting affairs on a stable  
basis.—Claremore Messenger.

The slight opposition to the  
pending allotment bill is not de-  
veloping much strength among  
Cherokees. The fact that it pro-  
vides a definite and reasonably fair  
settlement is much in its favor.  
The average Cherokee family, es-  
pecially those living outside of the  
towns, will hail with a glad wel-  
come anything that secures them  
in an individual title to their  
homes and farms. The bill pro-  
vides for allotment on a basis of  
one hundred and ten acres to the  
head and gives a deed to same.  
This alone is sufficient to secure  
its ratification. The Chieftain ad-  
vises the Cherokee people to ac-  
cept it at the polls next month,  
and settle for themselves and chil-  
dren their property interests in  
the lands so long held in common.  
Those who oppose the act will  
be found to have sinister motives  
for so doing.

As the allotment bill is read and  
studied and understood, it meets  
with the general approval of the  
Cherokee people. The opposition  
that has developed here and there  
is not founded in any real plausi-  
ble objection but generally in pre-  
judice or else personal interest.  
The ratification of the measure is  
practically sure.

The clause in the Indian appro-  
priation bill restricting land hold-  
ings to one hundred acres to the  
head is misunderstood by some.  
The provision is that one hundred  
acres is the maximum amount of  
land that can be held by an indi-  
vidual, pending allotment, under  
the old Curtis bill, the act of June  
28, 1898. If the act that is to be  
voted upon on the seventh of next  
month, providing for allotment, is  
defeated then allotment under the  
Curtis bill will proceed, and every  
one who has held land exceeding  
one hundred acres subsequent to  
July 1, 1902, will be subject to a  
fine of \$100 for each day the land  
is so held. The law does not mean  
that one hundred acres is to be the  
prorata share, but that this amount  
can be held only until allotment  
under the Curtis bill can be had.  
The allotment, in that event, will  
be only a surface allotment and  
according to the appraised value,  
and may mean eighty acres or  
sixty acres, or less, according to  
the value placed upon it by the  
commission.

The article from the facile pen  
of Tooqua-stee in this paper anent  
the so called railroad claim is  
printed that all sides of this great  
question may be discussed, and  
fully understood by the Cherokee  
people. The Chieftain does not  
indorse the views therein ex-  
pressed, and sees no danger in this  
claim. The United States does not  
own the lands in question, there-  
fore could not have legally granted  
them to the railroad company. If  
the railroad has a claim against  
anyone it will be against the Uni-  
ted States after the lands have been  
allotted and deeded to the Indian  
citizens under the provisions of  
the pending bill. There is nothing  
in Tooqua-stee's contention,  
other than it shows the strength,  
or lack of strength, the opponents  
to the allotment bill. Those who  
are opposed to all bills, agreements and  
overtures looking to a change from  
a common to an individual title, are  
now seeking for some plausible ex-  
cuse for opposing the pending  
measure. The Cherokee voters  
are intelligent enough to do their  
own thinking, and will not be mis-  
led by the beating of the brush for  
all kinds of frightful things.

The partitioning of the tribal  
lands as provided for in the treaty  
will be detrimental to the inter-  
ests of the excessive land holders,  
and they alone. It insures each  
Cherokee an equitable share, and  
will put an end to the looting of  
their estate.

The idea of confining the pris-  
oners of the northern district in  
the old tribal prison at Tahlequah,  
twenty-five miles from railroads  
and in the mountain fastness of  
the Cherokee Nation, is ridicu-  
lous. The sensible thing to do is  
to quit talking such nonsense.

There has been no valid objec-  
tion offered to the new Cherokee  
allotment bill up to the present  
time. The old tactics of delay are  
being feebly presented by a few of  
the big land monopolists, but the  
rank and file of the Cherokee  
people are in favor of the measure.

Muskogee is now worried over  
the "annexation" movement in  
the Creek nation. The consumma-  
tion of the plan as outlined at the  
Sapulpa convention would be a  
severe blow to the prestige that  
"darktown" now holds in the  
new western district.

The threat was made yesterday by  
a miserable freak in the shape of a  
man, who has elbowed his way to  
the republican pie counter, that  
other negroes would be appointed,  
and that the people of Vinita could  
not help themselves. The loud-  
mouthed ass who made the asser-  
tion is unworthy of notice or com-  
ment, but if he represents his su-  
periors in this matter the people  
are ready for the challenge. It  
were better that the black tents of  
the invader be stretched on every  
hill and in every valley in all this  
beautiful land, and that our rivers  
run red with the blood of our sons  
to the sea, than that the foul touch  
of such an oppressor be laid upon  
the throat of a free people. The  
people of Vinita have been insulted  
and spat upon by those who claim  
to be their friends. The old story  
of the farmer who brought in the  
frozen serpent to his fire and  
thawed it out, only to see it bite

death one of his children is  
brought forcibly to mind.

ABOUT ALLOTMENT.  
Editor Indian Chieftain:—  
As your paper is advocating  
the passage of the Curtis bill,  
please answer the following  
queries:

Must an allottee take only 110  
acres of third and fourth grade  
land now?

How is the difference to be made  
up?

How is an allottee to know  
whether he has an excess or not  
and must he move his fence down  
to the 110 acres irrespective of the  
grade of land?

Will the allottee have to wait  
until he files on the land to know  
what his grade is?

How is an allottee to find out  
what section, range, and township  
the land is in on which he wants  
to file on?

If one party gets to the land or  
files office first, can he file on  
any land that another citizen has  
enclosed and is in his possession?

If the agreement is voted down  
(which I think is not probable)  
will the Dawes Commission go  
ahead and allot it any how?

When will the roll of citizens be  
completed? Respectfully,  
X-10-U-S

In answer to your first question  
will say: If this bill is ratified it  
will be unlawful after ninety days  
after such ratification for any citi-  
zen to hold more than the value  
of 110 acres of average allottable  
land, that is to say 110 acres of  
average land shall constitute a  
standard allotment. If your land  
is first class you will be entitled  
to less than 110 acres. The other  
questions may be embodied in one.  
The grades may be ascertained by  
applying to the Dawes Commission.  
Many Cherokee citizens already  
have the grades of their lands. All  
the lands of the Cherokee nation  
are surveyed and graded and the  
record is public. No citizen can  
file on land in the legal possession  
of another. If the bill is voted  
down, a surface allotment under  
the old Curtis bill will be the  
next step. [Ed.]

WILL SELL LOTS.

Judge Raymond Refuses Injunction  
Asked for by Frisco Towns.

Judge Raymond has rendered a  
decision refusing the injunction  
asked by the new towns along the  
Frisco railroad to prevent the  
Creek townsite commission selling  
unimproved lots in those places at  
public auction. The decision af-  
fects 2,200 lots in the towns of  
Mounds, Beggs, Okmulgee, Win-  
chell, Henryetta, Alabama, We-  
tumka and Foster. The injunction  
was asked by owners of ground  
that was set aside by the Dawes  
commission as townsite property,  
all lots unimproved to be sold at  
public auction. They fought on  
the ground of misconstruction of  
the law, the land owners claiming  
the right to all such property at  
appraised prices.

The sale of lots at Okmulgee  
commenced today.

Farming in Colorado, Utah and New  
Mexico.

The farmer who contemplates  
changing his location should look  
well into the subject of irrigation.  
Before making a trip of investigation  
there is no better way to secure ad-  
vance information than by writing to  
those most interested in the settle-  
ment of unoccupied lands. Several  
publications, giving valuable infor-  
mation in regard to the agricultural,  
horticultural and live stock interests  
in this great western section, have  
been prepared by the Denver & Rio  
Grande and the Rio Grande Western,  
which should be in the hands of all  
who desire to become acquainted with  
the merits of the various localities.  
Write to the Denver & R. G. W. Co.,  
P. O. Box 1000, Denver, Colo., for  
more information.

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### FORLORN HOPE.

Division of Northern District  
Suspected of Being a Re-  
publican Scheme.

### WESTERN DISTRICT

Will be Converted to the Repub-  
lican Fold, it is Said, With  
Federal Patronage and  
Annexation Sought  
with Oklahoma.

The division of the northern  
district, it is now asserted, was a  
scheme of the Republican organi-  
zation to obtain political domina-  
tion of the state which will event-  
ually be formed from Oklahoma  
and the Indian Territory.

It is alleged that the division of  
the northern district, which was  
undoubtedly democratic, was ob-  
tained to allow a concentration of  
forces in the new western district  
which, it is hoped, can be easily  
converted into a republican strong-  
hold through federal patronage  
and the black vote.

It is asserted that then they will  
secure annexation with Oklahoma,  
via the Creek nation and the or-  
ganic act, thereby making Okla-  
homa strongly republican, and when  
the other Indian nations are grad-  
ually absorbed it is thought that  
the political complexion will not be  
materially changed.

A movement has been started  
behind which is an immense im-  
petus, to have the Creek nation  
annexed to Oklahoma at once. It  
has been found that the organic  
act of Oklahoma provides for the  
annexation of any Indian nation  
to Oklahoma whenever the presi-  
dent is notified that they are ready.  
The authority of the Creek nation  
is its national council, and it is  
proposed to urge that body at its  
coming session, which convenes  
this month, to announce to the  
president that it is ready for an-  
nexation as provided in the organic  
act.

The action of the Creek council  
will be watched with more than  
ordinary interest.

### TERMS OF COURT.

Where and When Justice Will Be  
Dispensed in the Northern  
District.

FALL TERMS.

Vinita, second Monday in Sep-  
tember.

Tahlequah, first Monday in  
October.

Miami, third Monday in Octo-  
ber.

Pryor Creek, fourth Monday in  
October.

Salina, first Monday in Novem-  
ber.

Claremore, third Monday in  
November.

Nowata, fourth Monday in Novem-  
ber.

Vinita, first Monday after the  
first Tuesday in December. (Con-  
tinuation of the September term  
for trial of Civil cases only.)

SPRING TERMS.

Miami, second Monday in Janu-  
ary.

Pryor Creek, third Monday in  
January.

Vinita, fourth Monday in Janu-  
ary. (Criminal and Civil cases.)

Salina, first Monday in March.

Nowata, third Monday in March.

Claremore, first Monday in  
April.

Tahlequah, third Monday in  
April.

If you want to sell your property  
and want to sell it quickly list it with  
the Vinita Real Estate Agency.

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spavin, ring bone, blood and bog spavin.

If you want to keep fat, slick horses fix their teeth.

How to know when your horses' teeth are not right. He will turn his head to  
one side while chewing, will spill food from his mouth and slobber; have swellings  
or lumps on the jaw or running sores on the jaw. All eig head or big jaw comes  
from bad teeth. Tossing the head, fighting the bit, champing the teeth, lolling  
the tongue, starts suddenly, stopping short, shying, driving sideways, lunging  
and running away—are some of the bad habits caused by the mouth being out of  
condition, with colic, indigestion and hide bound.  
Cure all these habits and prevent and cure all these diseases by putting the  
teeth in perfect order. It is not the amount of food a horse eats that makes him  
fat, but the amount of food he digests. I successfully operate on old stallions,  
ridgelines and colts. I have with me the Twentieth Century Horse Book for sale.  
Every farmer should have one. Remember all EXAMINATIONS FREE at my  
office. Will be in

VINITA, SATURDAY, JULY 26  
For one Week at Couch & Raines Stable.

### FLYER WRECKED LAND SCHEDULE.

In a Collision with a Freight  
at Atoka Yesterday Af-  
ternoon.

The north bound Katy Flyer,  
due here at 6:10, p. m., dashed in-  
to the rear end of a freight train  
near Atoka Monday afternoon  
while running at a high rate of  
speed.

The caboose and two box cars of  
the freight were demolished, and  
the engine attached to the Flyer  
was badly wrecked.

The wreckage was ignited and  
totally destroyed by fire.

A remarkable feature of the  
wreck was the escape of the train  
crews, Chambers, fireman on the  
Flyer, being the only one injured.

The passengers received a severe  
shaking up, but all escaped injury.  
Traffic was delayed about five  
hours.

### Proclamation.

To the Clerk of Delaware District.

Having received official infor-  
mation of the death of Hon. An-  
drew Hyder, late member of the  
National Council of your district.  
Now, therefore, I, T. M. Buffin-  
ton, principal chief of the Chero-  
kee Nation, by the authority given  
me by the law, promulgate this  
my proclamation for the holding  
of a Special Election on the 7th  
day of August 1902, in said dis-  
trict at the various voting pre-  
cincts therein for the election of  
one member of the Council Branch  
of the National Council, to fill the  
vacancy caused by the death of  
Honorable Andrew Hyder. This  
election to be held according to  
the laws of 1892, "Relating to  
Elections," and be conducted by  
the same election officers, ap-  
pointed by you to hold the special  
election on the same day for the  
purpose of voting on the ratifica-  
tion or rejection of the Act of Con-  
gress approved on the first day of  
this month.

Given under my hand and

{SEAL} seal of office on this

the 14th day of July A.

D. 1902. T. M. BUFFINTON,

Attest: Principal Chief.

J. T. PARKS,

Executive Secretary.

Two Bottles Cured Him.

"I was troubled with kidney com-  
plaint for about two years," writes  
A. H. Davis, of Mt. Sterling, Ia.,  
"but two bottles of Foley's Kidney  
Care effected a permanent cure. Sold  
by People's drug store."

Milk corks and jars at Balentine's

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